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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

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DEPT MAY WISH TO PASS TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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SUBJ: RELATIONS WITH SOUTH VIETNAM: CHANGE OF SIGNALS?

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SUMMARY: IN SVN-JAPAN TALKS NOW MOVED FROM SAIGON TO PARIS,  
RGSVN HAS HINTED THAT GOJ AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS TAINTED WITH  
SUPPORT FOR FORMER GVN MUST PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE  
AS COMPENSATORY PRICE FOR DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN SAIGON.

RESTRICTIONS ON JAPANESE AND OTHER FOREIGN MISSIONS  
CURRENTLY STILL IN SAIGON HAVE INCREASED SHARPLY. FONOFF  
SEES HANOI BEHIND THESE TOUGHER POLICIES. END SUMMARY.

1. SPOILING EARLIER HOPES, RGSVN HAS TOUGHENED IN DEALINGS  
WITH JAPANESE. FONOFF (HANABUSA) INFORMED EMBASSY AFTER RGSVN  
SEALED JAPANESE EMBASSY'S  
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN SAIGON FORCING EMBASSY TO USE  
PTT, TALKS ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS MOVED TO PARIS. SVN  
NEGOTIATOR BA (RGSVN AMB TO FRANCE?) TOLD JAPANESE AMBASSADOR  
KITAHARA ALL JAPANESE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY  
ACCREDITED TO FORMER GVN WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE. NO DEADLINE  
WAS GIVEN. DEMAND FOR TOTAL CHANGE SURPRISED JAPANESE WHO  
THOUGHT EARLIER ONLY THE AMBASSADOR WOULD HAVE TO BE  
REPLACED. BA ALSO SUGGESTED THAT JAPAN, BECAUSE OF ITS  
SUPPORT FOR THE FORMER REGIME, WOULD SOMEHOW HAVE TO  
COMPENSATE FOR THE ERROR. HANABUSA ASSUMES BA MEANT THERE  
WAS A PRICE TAG IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR JAPAN TO  
NORMALIZE RELATIONS. REFLECTING CHANGE IN SAIGON, HANABUSA  
COMMENTED THAT EMBASSIES ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED TO FUNCTION  
AS DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. HE EXPECTS EVEN MORE STRINGENT  
RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED ON JAPANESE EMBASSY AND PERHAPS  
EVEN ACTIVE HARASSMENT WILL OCCUR IN FUTURE. " WE ARE  
PREPARED," HE ADDED.

2. OTHERS ARE EVEN MORE TAINTED THAN JAPAN THOUGH, AND HANABUSA  
SAID FONOFF HAS IMPRESSION (PRESUMABLY ALSO FROM BA) THAT  
COUNTRIES WHICH SENT TROOPS TO SUPPORT GVN -- AUSTRALIA,  
NZ, THAILAND AND PHILIPPINES -- WILL ALSO HAVE TO EXTEND  
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN EXCHANGE FOR DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN  
SAIGON.

3. HANABUSA SEES HANOI'S DIRECT HAND BEHIND TOUGHER SAIGON  
POLICIES. HE SUSPECTS THAT DRV WANTS TO RESTRICT NUMBER OF  
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN SAIGON MAINTAINING HANOI AS PRINCIPAL  
POINT OF EXTERNAL ACCESS TO BOTH VIETNAMS. HE NOTES THAT  
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MOSCOW AND PEKING HAVE BEEN GIVEN LATE AUGUST DATES FOR OPENING  
EMBASSIES IN SAIGON, SEVERAL WEEKS LATER THAN EARLY JULY  
OPENING DATES APPARENTLY GIVEN UK AND AUSTRALIA. IMPORT OF  
THIS APPARENT SLIGHT IS NOT CLEAR, BUT HANABUSA HAZARDS  
THAT IT MIGHT BE INDICATION OF HANOI DESIRE TO KEEP BOTH  
CHINESE AND SOVIETS IN THEIR PLACE AND LIMIT THEIR INFLUENCE  
IN SAIGON. SPECULATING EVEN FURTHER, HE WONDERS IF RUSSIAN  
AND CHINESE MISSIONS WILL ACTUALLY EVER BE PERMITTED TO SET  
UP, AND, IF ESTABLISHED, PERMITTED TO FUNCTION AS NORMAL  
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.

4. COMMENT: DURING TWO AND A HALF YEAR'S NEGOTIATIONS FOR  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH JAPAN, HANOI HAS EXPLOITED DOMESTIC  
POLITICAL PRESSURES IN JAPAN, BOTH REAL AND IMAGINED BY

FONOFF, TO OBTAIN GOJ AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR  
INCREASINGLY LARGE AMOUNTS OF AID AND CREDIT. AS INDICATED  
(REF B) VICTORY HAS EMBOLDENED HANOI TO RAISE THE ANTE.  
IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT HANOI'S PROTEGES IN SAIGON SHOULD  
USE SAME TACTICS.

5. EXTENT TO WHICH THESE TACTICS WILL EXTEND TO OTHER  
COUNTRIES REMAINS TO BE SEEN, HOWEVER, AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY  
SOURCES SAY THEIR NEGOTIATORS IN HANOI REACHED AGREEMENT  
ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO TO OPEN EMBASSY IN SAIGON IN EARLY JULY,  
WITHOUT ANY MENTION WHATEVER OF PRICE TAG. AUSTRALIANS  
TALKED TO HANABUSA YESTERDAY, TOO, AND WERE DISTURBED  
BY WHAT THEY HEARD. THEY ARE CHECKING WITH REPRESENTATIVES  
IN HANOI TO DETERMINE WHETHER TERMS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF  
RELATIONS HAVE HARDENED.

6. ALSO INDICATIVE OF SLIPPAGE AND CHANGE IN PRG SVN POLICY  
IS NEWS FROM BRITISH EMBASSY HERE THAT DATE FOR THEIR OPENING  
OF EMBASSY IN SAIGON HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MID-AUGUST.  
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